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1. THE SAN JOSE FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION AND THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO RESUME PANAMA CANAL TALKS WERE ANALGESICS FOR IRRITANTS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH PERU BUT UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT BE SAID TO HAVE IMPROVED RELATIONS DISCERNIBLY.

2. PERUVIANS WIDELY HAILED THE SAN JOSE RESOLUTION AS A "VICTORY FOR PERU." FOR ONCE (UNLIKE THE QUITO CONFERENCE) THE U.S. WAS NOT THE VILLAIN. BUT NEITHER WAS IT THE HERO. PERU WAS.

3. PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION TO RESUME THE CANAL TALKS DESPITE CONGRESSIONAL RESERVATIONS WAS GREETED FAVORABLY, AS PERU IDENTIFIES CLOSELY WITH PANAMA'S CANAL ASPIRATIONS. REGRETTABLY, THIS GOOD NEWS HAD LITTLE CHANCE TO PROSPER. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE GOP-OWNED LA CRONICA BADLY DISTORTED THE MEANING OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MONTREAL REMARKS ON LAW OF THE SEA. WE HAVE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED THE FULL TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH BUT AS YET ARE NOT ABLE TO ASSESS ITS IMPACT ON THE TOP ECHELONS OF THE GOP. (HOWEVER, FONOFF ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARITIME

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SOVEREIGNTY, WITH WHOM EMBOFFS SPOKE AUG 14 (REF D).

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CRONICA WAS NOT, ON THIS OCCASION, SPEAKING FOR GOP.)
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